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SUBJ: UNDP AND UNCEF PLEDGING CONFERENCE FOR 1974

1. PLEDGING CONFERENCE FOR 1974 FOR UN DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM AND UN CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT FUND HELD NEW YORK OCTOBER 30. 104 COUNTRIES PLEDGED AMOUNTS TOTALLING EQUIVALENT OF $254,962,048 TO UNDP. ADDITIONAL PLEDGES FROM 33 COUNTRIES NOT ATTENDING OR UNABLE TO ANNOUNCE PLEDGE (INCLUDING US AND JAPAN) ANTICIPATED AT NO LESS THAT $108,032,585, FOR TOTAL OF $362,994,633. THIS REPRESENTS INCREASE OF $56.2 MILLION (18 PERCENT) OVER AMOUNT PLEDGED TO DATE FOR 1973 ($306,818,463).

2. 20 COUNTRIES PLEDGED TOTAL OF $5,418,177 TO UN CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT FUND. DRAMATIC INCREASE OVER 1973 PLEDGE LEVEL ($668,798) IS DUE ALMOST ENTIRELY TO $4.6 MILLION PLEDGE BY NETHERLANDS--WHICH IS FIRST DEVELOPED COUNTRY TO PLEDGE TO FUND. NORWAY INDICATED THAT IT WOULD MAKE 1974 PLEDGE TO UNCDF AT LATER DATE IN VIEW OF FACT THAT FUND NOW BEING MADE OPERATIONAL AND WILL CONCENTRATE ON AID TO LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES.

3. PLEDGING CONFERENCE WAS OPENED BY SYG WALDHEIM WHO STRESSED UNDP'S NEED FOR GREATER RESOURCES. ALSO EMPHA-SIZING UNDP'S EFFORTS TO AID LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, SYG WELCOMED FIRST CONTRIBUTION TO UNCDF BY DEVELOPED COUNTRY AND HOPED OTHERS WOULD FOLLOW. UNDP ADMINISTRA-TOR PETERSON STATED THAT AT TIME WHEN UNDP--THROUGH COUNTRY PROGRAMMING--WAS MAKING GREAT STRIDES IN HARMO-NIZING ITS ASSISTANCE WITH DEVELOPING COUNTRIES' NEEDS, VOLUME OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE BEING DELIVERED HAD LEVELED OFF AND EVEN DECLINED. THIS SITUATION, DUE IN LARGE PART TO EXCHANGE RATE CHANGES AND INFLATION, HAD RESULTED IN DELAY IN IMPLEMENTATION OF IMPORTANT PROJECTS AND LIMITED UNDP'S PROGRAM FLEXIBILITY.

4. AMB. FEREYDOUN HOVEYDA (IRAN) ELECTED PRESIDENT OF CONFERENCE. HOVEYDA ALSO REFERRED TO DECREASE IN UNITS OF ASSISTANCE DELIVERED AND CALLED FOR INCREASED CONTRIBUTIONS.

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5. PLEDGES OF MAJOR DONORS TO UNDP IN CURRENT DOLLAR EQUIVALENTS (WITH 1973 PLEDGES IN PARENTHESIS) INCLUDED (IN MILLIONS OF DOLLARS):

SWEDEN	38.1	(29.0)
DENMARK	34.6	(28.7)
NETHERLANDS	29.5	(15.9)
GERMANY FED REP	25.5	(21.3)

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UK	22.6	(21.3)
CANADA	21.7	(19.8)
NORWAY	12.7	(9.8)
FRANCE	10.0	(6.5)
SWITZERLAND	6.5	(5.0)
BELGIUM	6.0	5.2)
ITALY	5.7	(5.0)
FINLAND	4.6	(3.9)
USSR	4.6	(4.3)
INDIA	3.8	(3.8)
AUSTRALIA	3.4	(2.4)
AUSTRIA	2.5	(2.0)
CHINA	2.3	(2.0)
NEW ZEALAND	1.5	(1.1)
BRAZIL	1.3	(1.3)
YUGOSLAVIA	1.2	(1.0)
IRAN	1.0	(1.0)

6. IN ADDITION TO ABOVE LISTED PLEDGES, FOUR COUNTRIES MADE SPECIAL PLEDGES TOTALLING $6 MILLION FOR ASSISTANCE TO LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES: SWEDEN $3.5 MILLION; NORWAY $1.3 MILLION; BELGIUM $.7 MILLION; AND CANADA $.5 MILLION. SWEDEN, NORWAY AND NEW ZEALAND ALSO INDICATED WILLINGNESS TO MAKE SPECIAL PLEDGES FOR AID TO AFRICAN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS SHOULD SUCH CONTRIBUTIONS BE CALLED FOR AT LATER DATE.

7. PRINCIPAL DONOR COUNTRIES UNABLE TO STATE PLEDGES WERE JAPAN AND US. US REP STATED THAT EXECUTIVE BRANCH HAD REQUEST $90 MILLION BUT CONGRESSIONAL ACTION NOT YET COMPLETED. JAPANESE PLEDGE, ON WHICH GOJ ACTION NOT YET COMPLETED, ANTICIPATED AT $15 MILLION ($10 MILLION IN 1973).
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8. OF 104 COUNTRIES MAKING PLEDGES, 45 ANNOUNCED INCREASES SURPASSING THE 15 PERCENT TARGET CALLED FOR BY GA RES 2973 XXVII. WHILE SIZABLE INCREASE OF SOME MAJOR DONORS WERE MOST NOTABLE (E.G., NETHERLANDS 86 PERCENT, FRANCE 54 PERCENT, AUSTRALIA 42 PERCENT, SWEDEN 33 PERCENT, SWITZERLAND 30 PERCENT), INCREASES BY MANY DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WERE ALSO SIGNIFICANT (E.G., INDONESIA 130 PERCENT, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES 60 PERCENT, HUNGARY 50 PERCENT, ROMANIA 40 PERCENT, CAMEROON 55 PERCENT).

9. COMMENT: IN VIEW OF CONTINUING AND GROWING SUB-STANTIAL INCREASES TO UNDP BY OTHER DONORS AS WELL OF IMPACT OF DOLLAR DEVALUATION AND INFLATION, IT

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APPEARS THAT IN MINDS OF MOST COUNTRIES UNDP GROWTH
TARGET IS SHIFTING FROM 9.6 PERCENT MINIMUM ESTABLISHED
BY GOVERNING COUNCIL FOR PLANNING PURPOSES TO 15 PER-
CENT LEVEL STATED IN GA RES. 2973 XXVII. THIS IS
RATE OF GROWTH REQUIRED TO DOUBLE UNDP RESOURCES DURING
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